Introduction of High-Speed Bullet Trains between metros

298. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: SHRI B.K.

HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be

pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously considering introduction of high-speed bullet trains between metro cities by building a dedicated fenced rail-corridor particularly between Delhi-Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Japanese lenders have evinced keen interest in the project; and

(d) whether the feasibility study on the project has been completed and if so, the projected capital outlay and the time-frame for execution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. Currently only feasibility study for high-speed train for Mumbai-Ahmedabad section is being conducted.

(b) to (d) Do not arise

Railway Division at Salem or Coimbatore

299. SHRI C. PERUMAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that substantial portion of Railways in Erode, Coimbatore and Salem districts fall under Palghat divisions;

(b) if so, whether there are practical and administration difficulties due to this;

(c) if so, whether it is proposed to create a separate division either at Salem or at Coimbatore;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?